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**DPHSS Continues Support & Funding for Guam's Senior Citizen Centers**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reaffirms its commitment to supporting Guam's Manåmko' and ensuring the continued operation of all senior citizen centers across the island.

DPHSS has secured the necessary funding to sustain these vital programs and continues to work collaboratively with the Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG), which manages the day-to-day operations of the senior centers. While the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DPHSS and the MCOG is still under review, DPHSS has proactively made funding available to the Council to cover the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026. This measure ensures that services for our Manåmko' remain uninterrupted while both parties finalize the MOU.

Recent concerns regarding funding availability arose following a late request for additional funds submitted after the budget had already been implemented. Nevertheless, because of DPHSS's strong commitment to the programs that serve our seniors, the Department took immediate action to identify and secure the necessary funding to support continued operations.

DPHSS wishes to reassure the public, senior center staff, and our mayors that funding has been made available and that there will be no disruption in services. The Department remains steadfast in its partnership with the Mayors' Council and deeply values the essential role that senior centers play in the health and well-being of our Manåmko'.

Together, DPHSS and the MCOG share the clear goal of keeping our senior centers open, welcoming, and fully operational for the Manåmko' who depend on them every day.

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